

## RESUME

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### EDUCATION:

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, B.A. cum laude, 1973

Kendrick School of Law, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, J.D. and Mc Auliffe Honor Society, 1976

The National Law Center, George Washington University, Washington D.C., Master's of Laws (LLM) summa cum laude, 1981

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

2008-Present	Partner, <i>O'Brien, Watters &amp; Davis</i> , Santa Rosa, CA.
1994-2008	Partner, <i>Shapiro, Galvin, Shapiro, Piasta &amp; Moran</i> , Santa Rosa, CA.
1985-1994	Litigation Partner, <i>O'Brien, Watters, Davis, &amp; Piasta</i> , Santa Rosa, CA. Served as senior trial counsel in this firm of 18 attorneys.
1982-1984	Litigation Partner, <i>James, Gack &amp; Freeman</i> , Santa Rosa, CA. Continued as trial associate and the partner with this successor firm to <i>Spridgen</i> .
1981-1982	Litigation Associate, <i>Spridgen, Barrett, Achor et al</i> , Santa Rosa, CA. Worked as civil trial lawyer for the oldest and largest firm in the North Bay until its dissolution in November 1982.
1977-1980	Judge Advocate General Corps. (First, Prosecutor, and then Senior Defense Counsel, stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA.)
1974-1976	Legal Clerk, University Counsel and Vice President, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.
1972-1973	President, Associated Students of the University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

California  
District of Colombia  
US Supreme Court  
Federal District Court for the Northern District of California  
Federal District Court for the Eastern District of California  
US Military Court of Appeals  
1992 Rated A.V. in *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*  
1996-Pres. Adjunct Professor of Law, University of San Francisco Law School (Co-teach with the Honorable Gary Nadler an advanced seminar (20 student maximum) for third year students in discovery, and co-teach the fall Discovery Class to over 60 students with Attorney Adrian Driscoll of San Francisco.)  
2002 Adjunct Professor of Law, Criminal Law Trial Advocacy, The Army Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, VA.  
2006-2008 Selected to Super Lawyers for Northern California, three years in a row.  
2007 Selected to American Board of Trial Advocates [ABOTA], San Francisco Chapter

## ACTIVITIES:

### Community:

1980-2007: United States Army Judge Advocate Generals Corps Reserve, Retired in March 2003, as a Colonel and the Staff Judge Advocate of the 91<sup>st</sup> Division (Training Support), Dublin, Ca, whose area of operations are the 14 Far Western States, (Mobilized for active duty from January – September 2003 in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle (aka the Global War on Terrorism), and formerly the Deputy Commander of the 75<sup>th</sup> Legal Support Organization, Moffett Federal Airfield.

1987 President, Parents-Teachers Organization, St. Eugene's Cathedral School, Santa Rosa, CA.

1988 President, the Redwood Empire (Sonoma County) Trial Lawyers

1992 and 2007, President, Catholic Professional and Business Breakfast Club

1989 Present, Board of Directors, Catholic Professional and Business Breakfast Club

1994 President, St. Eugene's Cathedral Parish Council, Santa Rosa, CA. (still on executive committee).

1995 President, Board of Governors, University of San Francisco School of Law, Alumni Society, San Francisco, CA.

1995 Chairperson, Development Committee, Ursuline High School, Santa Rosa, CA.

1995 Founding board member, Catholic Education-Business Roundtable for Sonoma County, CA.

1996 “Free to Be” (Organization fostering teen peer group approach to sexual abstinence and responsibility), Board member.

Publication and Teaching:

Co-Author, *California Civil Discovery Handbook, Law & Practice*, (West Publishing, 1992)

Been panelist on discovery, employment discrimination and harassment, trial practice and elder abuse litigation

Personal:

Married to Kathleen Portman Piasta, seven children ages 15 to 31.